THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 22863 of 2005

DATED: 07.12.2005

Between:

Randi Krishna and others.

… PETITIONER

AND

Government of Andhra Pradesh and others.

… RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioners were employed as Drivers in A.P.S.R.T.C. While the 2nd petitioner retired on 02.02.2004, the other petitioners retired at the end of the year 2003. The Corporation issued a Circular, dated 08.10.2003, providing for certain benefits to the Drivers, who are retired on medical grounds. The petitioners were denied the benefit under that Circular, on the ground that the Scheme framed therein was not approved by the Government by that time. The petitioners state that the Government had since accorded approval and the same was intimated through Circular, dated 26.08.2005. This Writ Petition is filed claiming the benefit under the Circular, dated

08.10.2003.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

The learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation, on instructions, submits that in view of the approval accorded by the Government and the Circular, dated 26.08.2005, the case of the petitioners are under consideration and they would be extended the benefit.

The petitioners were not extended the benefit under Circular, dated 08.10.2003, on the ground that the Government did not accord approval for the scheme therein. Such an approval has since been accorded. A perusal of the Circular, dated 26.08.2005, discloses that the benefits provided for under the Scheme were made extendible to those Drivers, who have retired subsequent to that date. In fact, the respondents themselves have reopened the cases of the petitioners for extension of the benefit.

Therefore, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to finalise the issue relating to the extension of benefit provided for under Circular, dated 08.10.2003, to the petitioners, within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

07.12.2005

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